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Historical Data

These columns are all that remain of the first building of the University of Missouri (founded 1839). It was built 1840-41 and stood on the present campus of the University at Columbia. The architect was A. Stephen Hills, an Englishman, who at the same time was designing and supervising the first pretentious Capitol of Missouri in the neighboring City of Jefferson, thirty miles southeast of Columbia. Following is a description of this building which burned in 1892:

Wall construction: Brick with stone trim.

Size and form: Rectangular with dome over portico and central hall.

Number stories: Three full stories and an attic.

Front porch: On north facade of building. Carried six columns of Callaway County limestone.

The cornice was of wood, the roof of copper, and the chimneys of brick. The floors, doors, trim, mantels and stairways were wooden.

Source: Old Photographs at the State Historical Society in Columbia and old catalogs at the University.

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